

**Notes to accompany an Application for a Permit to fish for Cockles and Mussels (for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022) in the North Wales area (from the Point of Ayr to Cemaes Head) pursuant to the Cockles and Mussels (Specified Area ) (Wales) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1988)**

Permits issued during 2020 expire on 31st August 2021.

**I. If you hold a valid 2020/21 permit and wish to renew this for 2021/22:**

- 1) You should fill out the **permit application form** and return it to email: [MilfordHavenFisheriesOffice@gov.wales](mailto:MilfordHavenFisheriesOffice@gov.wales)
- 2) Include your Foreshore Gatherers Safety Training Certificate number.
- 3) You must also provide proof of address such as a **copy** of a recent household bill.

**II. If you did not hold a permit for the 2020/2021 season and are renewing an application OR are applying for the first time:**

- 1) You should fill out the **permit application form** and return it to email: [MilfordHavenFisheriesOffice@gov.wales](mailto:MilfordHavenFisheriesOffice@gov.wales)
- 2) Please note that you will not automatically receive a permit but may be placed on a waiting list. In that event we will advise you of your position on the waiting list.
- 3) Include your Foreshore Gatherers Safety Training Certificate number. (You will not receive your new permit without evidence that you have completed a Foreshore Gatherers Safety Training course.)
- 4) Please keep a copy of your Foreshore Gatherers Safety Training Certificate secure; a copy may be requested as evidence.
- 5) You must also provide proof of address such as a **copy** of a recent household bill.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Gatherers who held permits in 2020/21 may renew them for the forthcoming year.

In addition to the existing permit holders who wish to renew their permits, an additional 40 permits may be issued from the waiting list. Every qualifying application for a new permit (rather than a renewal) will be added, in chronological order of receipt, to the list that exists from 2020. The 40 new permits will be issued to the next 40 listed applicants on the waiting list.

Permits issued under the Cockles and Mussels (Specified Area ) (Wales) Order 2011 will only apply to **specific areas** defined in each permit. This is to ensure that the cockle and mussel gathering permitted under that legislation complies with European and domestic legislation designed to protect the marine environment.

Due regard should be given to other relevant saved byelaws of the former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee, which now have effect as if made by the Welsh Ministers in a Statutory Instrument.